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March 31, 1999

Mr. Steve Fortuna, Remedial Action Specialist  
Site Assessment Program  
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Northwest Region  
2020 NW Fourth Ave., Suite 400  
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Re: Site Assessment Review Notice  
Brix Maritime Co. d/b/a Foss Maritime Company  
9030 NW St. Helens Rd.  
Portland, Oregon 97231-1127  
Multnomah County

Dear Mr. Fortuna:

The following responds to your request for information regarding the above-referenced facility. For ease of reference, we have followed the format of the outline you provided.

### SITE ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

#### 1. Background Information

- a. Brix Maritime Company dba Foss Maritime Company, 9030 NW St. Helens Road, Portland, OR 97231-1127
- b. Foss Maritime Company, 9030 NW St. Helens Road, Portland, OR 97231-1127.  
Contact: Larry Johnson, Manager Marine Operations
- c. Same
- d. The site consists of a two-story office building, office trailers, a maintenance building housing the purchasing department and maintenance department offices and general stores, an outdoor storage area, small sheds for storage of compressed gases, and a maintenance barge for equipment repair and upkeep. The land area is paved except the rip-rapped embankment. The property was developed in 1979 for the current use.

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- e. No information is readily available regarding site use prior to 1979.
- f. The site size is 4.46 acres and the Tax Lot No. is 39.
- g. The site is fully fenced, except for areas adjoining the river.
- h. The site is bounded by industrial properties on both sides (bulk fuel facilities to the NW and a log sorting yard to the SW). NW St. Helens Road is behind the property.

## **2. Site Map**

A site map, with applicable information, is attached (Figure 1).

## **3. Chemical/Waste Handling Information**

- a. Foss uses the following chemical products at the site: oxygen, paint, propane, acetylene, diesel #2, gasoline, and lubricating oil.
- b. Small amounts of the above-referenced chemicals are stored on site. The facility is a DEQ conditionally exempt generator of hazardous substances.
- c. These amounts are detailed in Foss' Annual Hazardous Substance Information Survey, which is filed with the Oregon State Fire Marshall, and Registration Verification Report, filed with DEQ.
- d. None
- e. In 1993, when Foss purchased Brix Maritime Co. and the facility, five Underground Storage Tanks ("USTs") (two 20,000-gallon diesel fuel USTs, two 6,000-gallon lubrication oil USTs, and one 2,000-gallon gasoline UST) were in operation at the facility.
- f. The facility is a DEQ conditionally exempt generator.
- g. A few small, accidental spills have occurred during Foss' operation at the site. These spills were quickly contained and did not result in contamination.
- h. None readily available.

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**4. Permit Information**

a. None

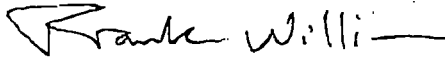
**5. Sampling, cleanup, and investigative information**

a. In January 1993, prior to Foss' purchase of Brix, a small release of lubricating oil at the site was noted and reported to DEQ (File No. 26-93-009). Brix undertook investigative activities, including soil sampling, and excavated 45 cubic yards of oil-impacted soil. In 1998, both the 20,000 gallon diesel USTs and one of the 6,000-gallon lubrication oil USTs were certified as upgraded and retrofitted under OAR Chapter 340, Divisions 150 and 160. Checklists were submitted to DEQ for each of the three USTs. The other two USTs (the other 6,000-gallon lubrication oil UST, and the 2,000-gallon gasoline UST) were decommissioned and removed.

b. See Section 5.a.

Please contact me if you have any further questions.

Very truly yours,



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Assistant General Counsel

